



# The Fruiterers' Company NEWSLETTER



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## 'Spreading the word' The Master reviews his year

**PROGRESS** in creating a higher profile for the Company in the industry in whose tradition it is inextricably rooted, is reported by the Master, Antony Coster, reviewing his year in office.

"One of our problems as a Company is that there is far less awareness of our existence and activities than I believe we deserve, he states, "One of my aims during what has been a most satisfying year in which I have served the Livery to the best of my ability, has been to improve the awareness of the Fruiterers' Company not only in the City but particularly in the industry in which we have for centuries played a part.

"I have worked very hard this year to ensure that in future far fewer people will ask the Master of the Fruiterers: "Who are you and the Fruiterers' Company".

Often accompanied by his wife Helen, Tony Coster has attended some 40 engagements as our representative throughout the year. These have ranged from helping to elect the Lord Mayor of London to attending City banquets, the Buckingham Palace Garden Party - and more recently the Marden Show, where Britain's top fruit growers show off the fruits of their labours literally.

In creating a higher profile for the Company, the Master has been determined that our activities should be more widely recognised and appreciated. "To do this we need to know who is in the industry and to try and make sure that they understand the help that we can offer and the contribution we are making to the well-being of the industry through research grants, bursaries, prizes and awards for example.

"We are trying to increase existing standards of excellence and to give practical help to high flyers through our research funding for the benefit of the industry - and eventually the consumer.

"To this end I believe we've achieved a good deal this year.

For instance, as Master I was invited to be the guest of honour at the RPMA Conference on April 16 at Stratford-upon-Avon, where I was able to tell 700 people at their dinner something of the Company's contribution. Contact with industry representatives at such conferences has also given me a greater insight into what is going on in the trade.

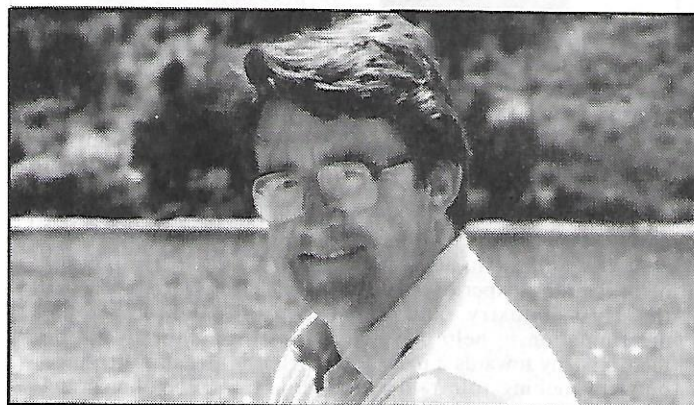
"At the first-ever International Fresh Produce Fair at Birmingham, organised by the Upper Warden, on May 10, valuable overseas contacts were made as well as with the U.K. industry.

"There is an increasing emphasis on European trade and its evolution into a Single Market in 1992, and this requires even closer liaison with our colleagues from overseas", Tony Coster states.

At the National Federation of Fruit & Potato Trades Conference at Blackpool on October 22, Tony and his wife found that they were staying in a hotel opened by the Renter Warden exactly four years earlier. "There was a plaque to mark the event - but I doubt whether my visit will have merited a similar record!".

At the Marden Show on October 26 he was "most impressed" by the outstanding quality of apples and pears presented on display.

"At the Show I was introduced to a producer who is making a film on the English apple industry. "This will take a year to complete and I understand that the Master is likely to be asked to take part in the



production with an interview".

The recent change of Clerkship has also brought its burdens. To ensure a smoothly efficient handover from the retiring clerk, Ronnie Eccles, the Master and his wife rented a van, drove it to Buckland near Aylesbury, collected the boxed files and transported them to the Chawton home of our new "acting" clerk, Cdr. Michael Styles.

Some of us may also have failed to appreciate that at least two of the events - the visit to Hatfield House and the United Guilds' Service lunch - were organised by the Master personally, with two advance visits to Hatfield to ensure that all was going to be well on the day.

Active commitment to the Livery and its well-being is one of Tony Coster's concerns for the future. "We do not have enough Liverymen who are sufficiently committed to their Company", he emphasises. I would like to see many of them taking more interest in our affairs and attending more of our functions. Members of the Livery have an obligation, for instance, to take part in the election of the Lord Mayor and

Sheriffs, but all too often one sees the same older hands representing us year after year. People can usually take a morning off to play golf - so why not an appearance at Guildhall?".

He is concerned, too, about a possible reluctance of people to come forward to take high office. "I think it is a tremendous mistake to claim that one is too busy to accept office as an Honorary Assistant. It is a privilege and should be understood as such. High office in the Livery should attract our best people and presents an opportunity of service which in my certain experience is wonderfully rewarding."

As Tony completes his year, he looks ahead to the challenges which confront his successor.

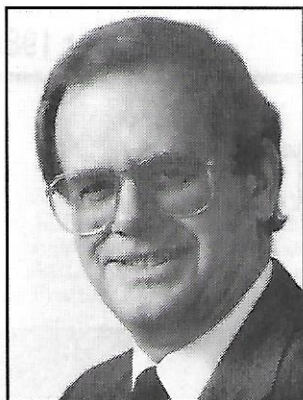
"I am confident that David Hope-Mason will make an excellent Master as he has the qualities of diplomacy, personal popularity, driving energy - and a close knowledge of our industry.

"Under his guidance I am sure that we shall go from strength to strength next year. Helen and I wish David and Mal every success and happiness for his term of office."

**A happy Christmas and prosperous 1989 to all members  
of the Livery and their families**



## Our new Master



DAVID HOPE-MASON, our new Master, follows in his father's footsteps to become Master of the Fruiterers' Company - 10 years to the day.

At 48, he brings to his year of office long experience of the fruit industry, and a determination to help drive the Company towards a more outward-looking role rather than concentrating on its internal affairs.

"I want to build on the excellent and sustained effort which Tony Coster has contributed during this year, particularly with regard to raising our profile. It is my belief that the Fruiterers' Company can play a wider role in the fruit industry at present", he says.

"Traditionally our roots lie in marketing - Fruiterers were originally buyers and sellers of fresh produce. Some other livery companies appear to have more relevance today by providing important backing to the industries or crafts from which they were derived.

"We in turn give some support to fruit production research through the Fruit Culture Council, but perhaps the time has come to broaden our appeal to embrace such needy causes as the encouragement of young people to join the fruit industry."

David Hope-Mason has spent most of his working life in his family's publishing business, which is a centre of industry communications. Educated at Haileybury, he spent five years in advertising before joining Lockwood Press, which was bought by his grandfather in 1907 and continued by his father until his retirement in 1978. Its principal activity is publishing 'Fruit Trades Journal', the weekly magazine for fruit and vegetable marketing, shortly to be retitled 'Fresh Produce Journal'. A promotional and marketing consultancy, an employment agency and a monthly international magazine produced with a partner in Germany, are included in the group's activities.

"With a son and daughter at university, I am hopeful that the family business will pass into the next generation and that one day another Hope-Mason might become involved in the Fruiterers' Company", he adds.

David lives in Putney with his attractive wife, Mal, who is an interior decorator, has two step-children and a spaniel.

Music, golf and skiing are high in his leisure interests.

## Fruitful growth at Highgrove



Garden group (left to right): Cdr. Aylard; Alan Todd; Dennis Brown; Antony Coster, the Master, and David Hope-Mason, Upper Warden.

THE COLLECTION of fruit trees presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales by the Fruiterers' Company to mark their marriage in 1981 is thriving at their Highgrove home in Gloucestershire.

On July 13, an inspecting party led by the Master, Antony Coster, with David Hope-Mason, Upper Warden, Liveryman Alan Todd, (who is Chairman of the Governing body of the Institute of Horticultural Research at East Malling - and who originally assembled the collection), together with Liveryman Eric Williams, (Chairman of the Livery and Communications Sub-Committee), checked on their progress.

The original 128 trees comprised a wide range of fruit, including apples, pears, plums, damsons, cherries, medlars, peaches, apricots, nectarines and quinces.

They were planted under the Prince's direction in the one-and-a-half-acre walled kitchen garden he has renovated and redesigned to include vegetables, flowers and herbs, in addition to the trees.

In 1985, Ron Starns - then Master - led the Master's

Committee on a similar visit.

The years of growth, and careful husbandry by gardener Dennis Brown - together with H.R.H., an enthusiastic and knowledgeable horticulturalist - are now regularly producing good crops.

Plums are a particular Royal favourite - "a wonderful crop last year, when they were flown up to Balmoral for the Royal party", Dennis Brown reports.

Alan Todd's expertise confirmed problems with several of the trees: some canker and collar rot on apples, for instance.

"About seven trees will need replacing, but otherwise I am very impressed, and found them in generally very good condition. They are certainly well looked after", Alan states.

Welcomed by Commander Richard Aylard, RN, Assistant Private Secretary to the Prince and Princess of Wales, the party was given a tour of the rest of the garden.

"There is obviously a progressive transformation of the environment which is delightful and very impressive, including the wild flowers borders to the drive; blazing with colour", the Master reports.

## Fruit Culture Council Awards

NICOLE SHANNON, a fifth former at the City of London Freeman's School, Ashstead Park, Surrey, was awarded the Fruiterers' Company book prize on Prize Day on July 8.

At the School of Biological Sciences, University of Bath, Richard Stuart, considered to have produced the best performance on the Fruit Production Option, was awarded

this year's prize. He achieved a B.Sc in Horticulture.

At Hadlow College, Tonbridge, Robert England, of Lenham, Maidstone, won the Fruiterers' Company prize awarded at the Presentation Day on July 9.

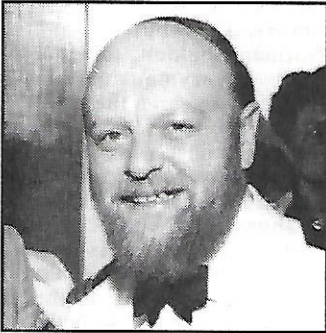
Reading University awarded no prizes this year as no-one in the appropriate subject met the standard.



The plaque at Highgrove



## Our new Acting Clerk



A HIGH Flyer in the Royal Navy - helicopters as well as fighter aircraft - Commander Michael Styles (52), retired in January this year after 36 years' service and has taken over as acting Clerk of the Fruiterers' Company.

He succeeds Brigadier Ronnie Eccles, as from October.

Michael Styles brings wide ranging experience of service and travel in many countries to his new challenge.

He graduated from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1953, qualified as a pilot and served on several aircraft carriers, including "Centaur", "Bulwark" and "Albion".

He did two diplomatic jobs: in Ankara and Tel Aviv, and graduated both from the Army Staff Course at Camberley and the Attaches Training Courses.

As a tutor, he has wide experience of leadership training for civilians as well as Naval Personnel.

Throughout a refit and sea trials he commanded HMS Intrepid, an assault vessel with a ship's company of 1,000.

In 1965 he married his wife Auriol in Jamaica, when he was serving in the West Indies, and they have two daughters - 21 year old Kristin, a student nurse at Guy's Hospital, and Bronte, 19, who will help her father with secretarial duties.

"I enjoyed my naval career enormously and was particularly fortunate to

have so much sea-time and travelling, but I'm looking forward tremendously to my new duties with the Company," says our new acting Clerk.

His leisure interests are varied, including public speaking, antique silver, cooking, (especially Middle and Far Eastern - he had five years based in Singapore), and beer. He tastes, collects and writes about beer. His Favourites? "Old Thumper", from Ringwoods and Fuller's "Extra Special Bitter". At the time of writing he had just found some Russian and Lebanese beer in Selfridge's, to add to his collection.

## Liveryman's rare French Honour

IN BRIGHT sunshine and surrounded by an impressive military parade at Invalides Courtyard, Paris, on October 4th, Liveryman Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges was kissed warmly on both cheeks by President Mitterand and made Grand Officier of the Legion d'honneur.

He joins fewer than a dozen Englishmen ever to have received this honour.

It was as Flight Lieutenant in 1943 that Bob Hodges flew François Mitterand out of occupied France in a secret mission from the Loire Valley. The future President sat on the floor of a twin-engined Lockheed Hudson.

"At the time I commanded the 161 Squadron, parachuting supplies to the maquis and making secret landings to bring back agents", he recalls.

Years later he met Mitterand at a reception at 10 Downing Street, and was subsequently taken by him on a visit to the exact spot from where they had

taken off years before. "The only difference between the landing and my landing in 1943 was that the field was full of television crews!", he says.

Recognition of his exploit came 38 years after he was awarded the Legion d'honneur, following the Croix de Guerre in 1944.

Watching the investiture in October was a family group which included his wife, two sons and a daughter.

"This decoration is really being given in recognition of all my RAF colleagues who supported the Resistance", Bob modestly declares.

He retired from the RAF in 1976, when he was Deputy C-in-C, Allied Forces Central Europe as well as Air ADC to the Queen.

He is currently fighting a new challenge - the proposed rail route of the Channel Tunnel railway line which is threatening to take away the bottom of his garden at Plaxtol, near Sevenoaks.

## Our Super Centenarian



**LIVERYMAN** Percy Bradley celebrated his centenary in August, keeps fit by walking every day, still takes an interest in business - and is looking forward to planning his travels for 1989 and years to come.

To mark his birthday, Past Master Ron Starns organised a presentation basket of fruit bearing the congratulations of all members of the Livery.

Percy lives with his only daughter, Moira, in their Winchmore Hill home, where he has lived for 62 years.

He spent his working life in the fruit trade, joining the family company of F.C. Bradley & Sons at Spitalfields market soon after the turn of the century. He stayed for 60 years, retiring at 73. During World War I he served in the British Army, fought on the Somme, reaching the rank of Sergeant but refusing a commission.

Percy recollects the old days in Covent Garden, where his business moved before World War I.

These were the days when as many as 60 tons of fresh

peas would be moved in the morning. "We moved a remarkable amount of fruit and vegetables in those days".

Percy has always been interested in travel. "We did some international business when I was in the market and I have been moving around for some 80 years. Such countries as Africa, India, South America, Canada, Scandinavia and the Mediterranean. Last year my daughter Moira and I went to Gambia and Dhubai and early next year we plan to find some sunshine in Morocco.

Our oldest Liveryman - he joined the Company in 1945 - enjoyed his visit to Hatfield House, where he renewed many old friendships, in June this year, and spends a good deal of his time looking at National Trust gardens and country houses. He also works in his own garden at Winchmore Hill.

"I'm feeling fit, apart from a little problem with my eyesight, and I'm looking forward to Christmas and 1989".

Happy New Year - and

## City Livery Club

MEMBERS of the Livery are invited to join the City Livery Club at Sion College, Victoria Embankment, London EC4 (Tel: 01-353 2431).

Exclusively for Liverymen, the club offers luncheon and meeting facilities and an active social programme, which includes a visit to Royal Ascot,

the Annual Banquet in Guildhall, an annual lunch to the Lord Mayor and the Christmas luncheon.

Rooms are available for private meetings.

The entrance fee is £50 and the annual subscription is currently £75.



# Summer visit to Hatfield House



Part of the party that visited Hatfield House.

THREE years after James I granted the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers their Charter in 1605, the Earl of Salisbury began to pull down three sides of Hatfield Palace in Hertfordshire, and build Hatfield House.

On a sunny day in June this year, a large party of the Livery and guests paid a visit to the family home of the Cecils and enjoyed a tour of one of Britain's most fascinating historic houses within easy distance from London.

It was while sitting under an Oak tree in the park of what was then Hatfield Palace, that the young Elizabeth learnt of her

accession to the throne. A somewhat uncertain signature - contrasting with her undoubted strength of will - can be seen on documents in the library.

Hatfield House has an impressive collection of paintings, marble, furniture, carpets and tapestries, armour, books and autographs as well as the oldest organ in England (1609). We enjoyed it all, after an excellent lunch, with strawberries and cream tea to follow.

Thanks particularly to the Master and Helen, who made two advance sorties to Hatfield to smooth the path.

## OBITUARY Guy Eagleton

GUY TRYON EAGLETON, Clerk of the Fruiterers' Company from 1933 - 48, died on August 26 at the age of 94.

A solicitor by profession, he followed his father, who had been Clerk to the Livery from 1890 - 1931.

He was a keen cricketer and was the last surviving player to have been at the crease with the famous Dr. W.G. Grace in the

Doctor's last match, played on July 25, 1914.

Dr. Grace coached him with his batting.

Guy Eagleton served in World War I with the Honorary Artillery Company and was the Father of the Regiment at the time of his death.

Like his father he was also Clerk to both the Haberdashers' Company and the Fruiterers.

## Presentation of fruit

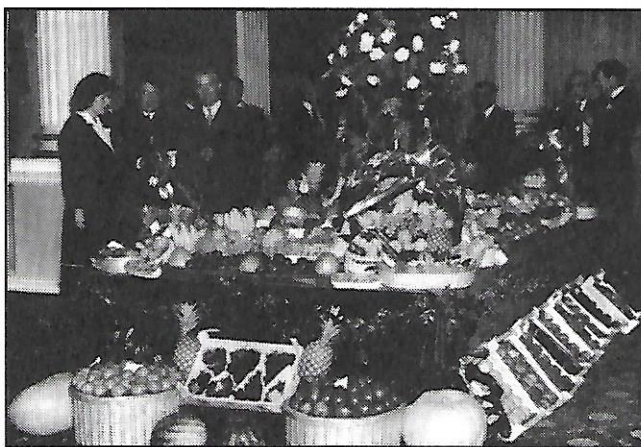
FOLLOWING tradition begun before the middle of the 18th century, the Fruiterers' Company made the annual presentation of fruit to the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on October 27.

Sir Greville Spratt, the Lord Mayor, was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Mr. Sheriff, Simon Block.

This year's display was particularly impressive, arranged by Past Master Ron

Starns, Luis Fulford and Norman Sheldon, together with Liveryman Arthur Hutchinson, and the fruit porter, Nobbie Price, assisted by Stan Prentice.

Pat Starns had once again produced a beautiful floral arrangement for the centre table. The officers and members of the Court of the Company lunched at the Mansion House following the ceremony.



Did you realise that London was first located at Egham, near Runnymede, where there was a port for four hundred years?

That Brentford took over in the Iron Age before the port moved downstream in Caesar's time?

That the Thames was once so wide that Thames Street - where the fruit trade was centred in mediaveal times - was its northern waterfront, 150 yards from the present bank?

That by the second century A.D., London was a major international port with a developing trade in slaves, gold and silver?

That in the 1860's the Isle of Dogs was the biggest builder of iron ships in the world?

You may already be bored by this quiz, but my wife and I certainly weren't by the morning we spent recently listening to a group of archaeologists and historians talking about the Port of London's history over the past 2,000 years. The fee for the educational treat was a modest £7.95, and the morning was followed by an afternoon's tour of the river down to the Thames barrier

and taking in the impressively fascinating new developments.

The river is the reason for London's location, and the change of site over the centuries has followed the course of history downstream to cope with the changing challenge of trade.

London was fortified against the plundering Vikings between the 9th and 11th centuries.

The next two centuries were marked by the arrival of French and German merchants, and the important trading links with the wine shippers of Bordeaux began in the 14th.

Throughout much of London's developing commercial history the fruit trade played an important role with the scores of vessels choking the wharves and the river to unload their cargoes under the supervision of the fruit meters, who took a toll of imported fruit. It was this toll which was later succeeded in the mid-18th century by an annual presentation of fruit to the Lord Mayor, which we carry out nowadays.



# Wisley cultivar collection

A BRONZE plaque set at the end of a row of apple trees marks the contribution made by the Company to a unique collection of 'clean' or virus-free apple and pear tree stocks at the Wisley orchards of the Royal Horticultural Society.

The 90 apple and 40 pear trees represent a unique source of clean scionwood for budding and grafting for the benefit of Britain's commercial growers and R.H.S. members. When Long Ashton research establishment was closing there was the danger of their virus-free stock being gubbed-up and lost for future generations. The R.H.S. was persuaded to take over the collection. In view of the long association between the Company and the Society, the Fruit Culture Trust made a contribution to the establishing of this small plantation, which the Society will maintain in future.

The research institutes at East Malling and Brogdale have cultivars or parent stock for the newer varieties in the industry, but the significance of the Wisley collection is that it preserves most of the important older varieties for future use. Grafting by the whip and tongue method is carried out in the spring, with budding taking place in the summer. Leading growers of top fruit trees are now able to obtain 'clean' grafting and budding wood from the R.H.S.

Already the trees have fruited bountifully - "much better than on the old trees in the orchard", says Harry Baker, Fruit Officer at Wisley for nearly 20 years.

"The Fruiterers' Company has been most generous in its support for this project and we hope that members will come and see the plantation for themselves, especially in the spring and summer".

Says Donald Mack, Chairman of the Fruit Culture Council: "We were very pleased to be approached by the R.H.S. to take a modest part in securing this important collection of 'family trees', which will play their part in making new generations of old-established varieties and so preserve the roots of horticultural history.

"I hope that next year we will go and see them settled in their new home".



*Cultivar collection commemorated. Fruiterers' plaque in the orchard.*

## Travel bursaries

Travel bursaries to help study in South Africa and Australia have been awarded by the Fruit Culture Trust.

Dr. Jim Quinlan, head of the Perennial Crops Department of the Institute of Horticultural Research, is visiting the Fruit and Technology Research Institute at Stellenbosch, South Africa, to renew contacts and identify areas of common interest.

The visit has been made possible by a generous donation to the Fruit Culture Trust by Unifruco, the organisation responsible for the marketing of Cape Fruit.

Dr. Neil Hipps, of East Malling, is being helped to visit Queensland, Australia, to see latest developments in irrigation/fertigation technology. Fertigation - the liquid feeding of young trees - is recent

technology mostly practised overseas, and little known in the U.K.

It is hoped to provide reports of these visits later. Grants to

## Grants

The Institute of Horticulture, East Malling, during the 1987/88 period amounted to £12,298, and the Fruiterers' Company is making £12,500 available for grants and bursaries during 1988/89.

## College of Arms visit

MEMBERS of the Court and their ladies visited the College of Arms on October 17. They had a fascinating talk from Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, about the work of the college, with examples of Grants of Arms.

A buffet reception followed.

## Visit to Lloyds

THE MASTER was very much at home at the Summer Court reception on July 14, when Liverymen and guests enjoyed a conducted tour of the Underwriting Room at Lloyd's in Lime Street - one

of London's outstanding architectural achievements.

As background briefing, a film on Lloyd's history and role in the City and international markets, was shown in the Old Library.



# Supper at the Tower of London

A RICH slice of history was added to the reception and supper at the Tower of London, on October 5, when a party of Fruiterers and their guests enjoyed an evening in one of the most famous (and forbidding) of our Royal palaces.

## Floodlit

It was a (mostly) fine night, with the towers and terraces and cobbled streets of London's

historic landmark dramatically floodlit against a clear night sky. There were drinks in the museum of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers' City of London headquarters, with supper in their 'Association Room'.

Major General Patrick Maclellan, Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, welcomed the party and entertained us with a historic commentary spiced with anecdotes.

William the Conqueror built the Tower to protect and control the City. During its history it has been a fortress, Royal palace, prison, site of the Royal Mint, Public Records and briefly the Royal Observatory. For 600 years until the 19 century, it housed the Royal Menagerie - predecessor of the London Zoo.

## Noble beheadings

Outside in Trinity Square the first permanent scaffold was set up in 1465, and here were beheaded a long line of nobles and clergy, including Dudley (at one time minister of Henry VII), his son and grandson, Thomas Cromwell, Moore, Fisher and

Archbishop Laud.

On Tower Green private executions took place, including Anne Boleyn, Katharine Howard, Lady Jane Grey and the Earl of Essex.

The evening ended with the ceremony of the keys, enacted nightly when the main gates of the Tower are secured.

The Chief Yeoman Warder joins an escort of a sergeant and three men detailed to help him close the three gates.

## The Challenge

As the keys jangled down the cobbled thoroughfare, the Fruiterers' party waited by the Bloody Tower.

The sentry challenged: "Halt, who comes there?"

"The keys", called out the Chief Warder.

"Whose keys?"

"Queen Elizabeth's keys".

The guard then presented arms, the Chief Warder doffed his Tudor bonnet, called "God preserve Queen Elizabeth", and the guard responded with a clear "Amen".

It was a memorable evening.

# Master and Warden's dinner

THE NEED to develop increasing awareness of the existence and function of the Fruiterers' Company was the theme of the Master's speech at the Master and Wardens Dinner, held at the Innholders' Hall, on November 8.

Introducing the principal guest, Jasper Grinling, the Chairman of the Apple & Pear Development Council, the Master commented: "It is important for us to be aware of the research function. It is just as important for the fruit industry and all those who are engaged in it to be aware of the existence of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers".

The role - and problems - of the APDC were outlined by Jasper Grinling, who has stated that 37% of all apples sold in the UK last year were English grown.

Honorary Assistant Michael Alley proposed the toast of the Masters and Wardens, to which the Renter Warden, Sir Edward DuCann, replied, referring to "a most remarkable family coincidence" with the Master, Upper Warden and Renter Warden this year having been preceded as Masters of the Company by their fathers.

## New Honary Assistants

FOUR new Honorary Assistants were elected to the Court for a two-year period in May. They are:

**Peter Allocca, retired Money Broker;**  
**John Dunham, a retired Insurance Broker;**  
**Ian White, Managing Director of a fruit company**  
**Kenneth Lipscomb a Motor Car Main Agent.**

# Fruiterers tee up at Kingswood Golf Club!

PRESIDENT Ralph Felton welcomed some 40 players and spectators to the Golf Society's successful day at Kingswood Golf Club on Thursday, May 5.

Once again Past Master Robert Sice and Assistant David Hohnen made the arrangements for a most enjoyable day's golfing.

## Competition

The competition was played as a full handicap Stapleford, with two divisions. Overall winner was Liveryman Norman Coppock and the runner-up Liveryman Ted Dilley - both

from Division 'B'. Winner of the serious golfers in Division 'A' was Liveryman Andrew Potter, with Liveryman Tom Hilliard, (who owns the Club), as runner up.

## Nearest the hole

For being nearest the hole on the 10th green, Liveryman Ken Broomfield won a side of smoked salmon.

Our golfers in the Livery are already looking forward to next summer's event.

In the Prince Arthur Cup on Thursday, May 19, at Walton

Heath Golf Club, the Company finished equal 10th overall in the Cup competition out of a total of 54 Liveries competing.

Liverymen Phillip Arnold and Tom Hilliard, with a score of plus three were however the best individual team on the day - undoubtedly the best result achieved by the Company within recent years.

Just ahead of us were the Air Pilots, Solicitors and Goldsmiths, but we left the Butchers and Bakers - and 42 others - behind.

Our team comprised: Liverymen Phillip Arnold, Tom Hilliard, Andrew Potter and Michael Cronk.

## New members

NEW MEMBERS of the Livery clothed on May 9 were Edward Charles Dilley, Bank Manager, and Colin Howard Randall, Managing Director of an architectural ironmongers and security specialists.

On November 11, the following Liverymen were clothed:

Tony Redsell, Managing Director of a hop and fruit growing company;

Hugh Darby, Director, farming and nursery growing company;

Peter Heyes, Managing Director, wholesale fruit, flowers and vegetable company.

They are all warmly welcomed to The Fruiterers' Company.

We greatly regret to note the death of John Candia OBE, a former Honorary Assistant, who died at his retirement home in Santa Ponsa, Mallorca, on April 13, and sympathy is extended to his family.